

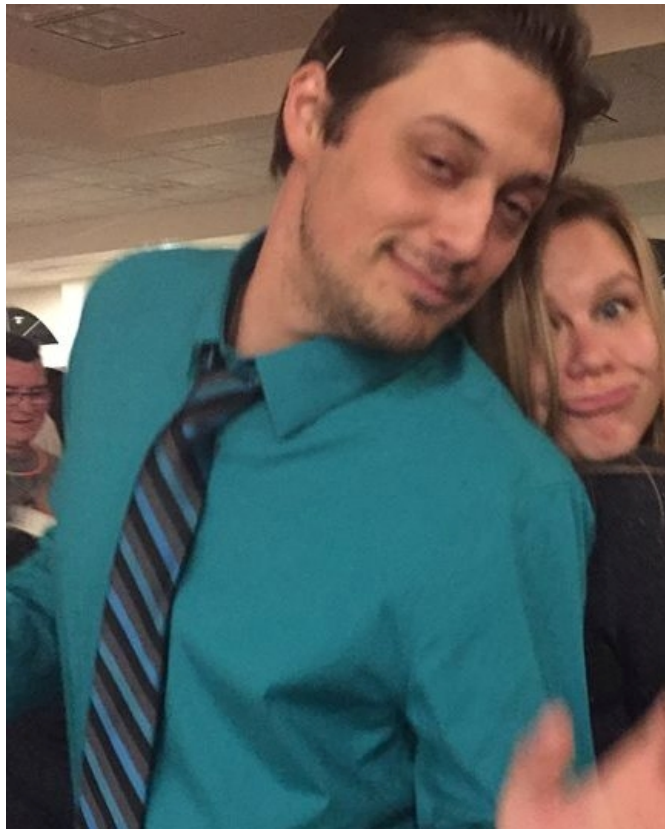


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2016 Champion's Corner

With 2015 Defending Champion, Nick Turczak



Nick, on behalf of the Endicott College Invitational, our valued sponsors and supporting fans, we are delighted to not only have you here for a pre-ECI interview, but also to have you back once again in arguably one of the best fields of amateur golf.

Your body or work and over the years have certainly paid off for you, and your incredible round last year at was not only dominating, but as your playing partner, somewhat “quietly dominating,” but in a great way. You played your game, stayed away from the high numbers and took care of business. You are a valued member of this select group and we are looking forward to having you back year after year. So let’s get down to it!



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MZ: Last year marked your 4th title at the ECI, tying for most all-time. Where does this one rank, and why?

NT: Last year ranks right at the top. Can't remember if I won the first 3 years or 3 outta 4 that I was a part of this awesome tournament, but I was young, in school and things just kinda came easy. I've played some mediocre rounds and some real solid rounds since then but at least 1 guy always played better. Then the years kept building and I wondered if I'd make it back to the winners circle with the lack of time and practice that plagues us all (minus Dailey). That's why last year was so special.

MZ: Two of your four titles came via a playoff. Was there a different mindset going into last year's playoff against Matt Davis, versus the 2006 playoff that included Davis and John Dailey?

NT: Not really. I enjoy the match play/heads up aspect of golf when it presents itself. Obviously, you still have to hit the shots, but a lot more strategy comes into thought during a playoff, and knowing Davis, I figured good, solid, boring golf would probably outlast him as he can go low but is prone to a big number.

MZ: A star-studded field returns for 2016. What type of preparations have you done to get ready for your title defense?

NT: Preparations have been minimal at best. The weather has sucked since February. I'll try to cram some work in this last week but it's going to be a crap shoot for sure.

MZ: You've traversed Red Tail quite well over the years. But I've seen you endure some bad luck from time to time, in which case, maybe another ECI or two got away. How do you counter a bad hole or an occasional high number to maintain composure?

NT: I've never been the calmest guy on the course. Bad luck or a bad hole will get the blood boiling no question, but I try to use that anger/adrenaline toward the next hole and bounce back over a 4-6 hole stretch. At the end of these events it's usually a shot or two that decides it, and luck is part of the deal for everyone.

MZ: If you could identify one player in this year's field who is seeking their first ECI crown, who would it be, and why?



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NT: I think it has to be Tess. Being in the Deep South, he's been staying sharp through the winter and has always had the talent. Maybe a year or two away has cleared his mind from the many demons bouncing around up there. Either way it's good to have him back and I'm sure he'll be a factor.

MZ: Thanks, Nick! We are looking forward to seeing you for the 14th ECI this Saturday!

NT: Thanks, Marc!